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Weſtminſter, March 8.

THIS Day the following Addreſs was preſented to Her Majeſty.

To the QUEEN's *Moſt Excellent Majeſty.*

The Humble Addreſs of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons of the City of *London*, in Common-Council Aſſembled.

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

THE *Advices of the Preparations made, for the Invading Your Kingdoms, by the Pretended Prince of* Wales, *ſupported by the Power of Your Majeſty's inveterate Enemy, the* French *King, create no Terror in the Minds of Us, Your Majeſty's moſt Dutiful and Loyal Subjects.*

Your Majeſty's Adminiſtration hath been ſuch, as hath given juſt Reaſon to all Your Subjects to be firmly United in ſteady Principles of Loyalty and Obedience.

As for Your Great City of London, *We humbly crave Leave to aſſure Your Majeſty, That the repeated Tenders of their Lives and Fortunes are not empty Words; but that we are ready, upon the firſt Occaſion, to demonſtrate to all the World our unfeigned Loyalty, by expoſing our ſelves, and all that we have, in the Defence and Support of Your Sacred Perſon and Royal Dignity, and Maintenance of the Proteſtant Succeſſion, againſt that Pretender and his Abettors, and all other Your Enemies, both at Home and Abroad.*

Which Addreſs Her Majeſty was pleas'd to receive very graciouſly.

Barbadoes, Decemb. 6. The Greenwich Man of War, which lately ſailed from hence to Antegoa, return'd hither on the 25th of the laſt Month, with an Expreſs from Col. Parke, Governor of the Leeward Iſlands, to his Excellency the Governor, with Intelligence, that a Flag of Truce, which had been ſent to Martinico, had brought Advice, that on the 10th of the ſame Month a Capital Ship of France had arriv'd there; which was follow'd the next day by ſeven more great Ships, commanded by Monſieur Ducaſſe; That there came in alſo two other French Ships of 40 Guns each, and ſeveral Privateers of good Force lay in the Road; that the Privateers were all called in, and all the Carpenters, with other neceſſary Artificers belonging to the Iſland, were ſummon'd to fit out their flat-bottom'd Boats; and that Monſieur Collet, a French Major-General, was diſpatch'd in one of the Ships of 40 Guns for Tabago, in order to join 18 Men of War, which they expected to arrive at that Iſland. Colonel Parke further added, That before the Arrival of Monſieur Ducaſſe, the Priſoners taken in a ſmall Veſſel of Martinico, by a Privateer of Antegoa, had confeſs'd upon Examination, That he was impatiently expected with 30 Sail of Men of War, and that they were deſign'd againſt Barbadoes. Upon Receipt of theſe Advices the Governor call'd the Council and Aſſembly, who upon the firſt reading of his Excellency's Letters unanimouſly went into the neceſſary Meaſures for their common Safety. Orders were immediately iſſued out for repairing the Forts and Breaſt-works. All the Militia of the Iſland is divided into two Bodies, which have alternately come upon Duty, and reliev'd each other for eight Days laſt paſt: And for our further Defence, it is agreed that there be immediately two Regiments form'd out of our Slaves, each conſiſting of 2000 Men, commanded by a Colonel, Lieutenant-Colonel, Major, 20 Captains and an Adjutant. Each Regiment is to be made up of 10 Companies of 100 Men, arm'd with two Launces. The Captain of each Company to have four Negro Lieutenants. The three Men of War appointed for the Guard of the Iſland are hall'd in, and unrigg'd; 20 of the lower Tire of Guns belonging to the Greenwich are brought aſhore, and planted on a Battery, by which means, and the throwing up new Works, we are as ſtrong as we can make our ſelves in our Fortifications; and are capable of bringing together 10000 Men at the firſt Alarm, including the two Regiments of Negroes. In order to make thoſe Slaves in our Intereſts in the time of Danger, his Excellency propos'd an Act to the Aſſembly and Council, which was immediately paſs'd, That any Slave who ſhall kill an Enemy, or otherwiſe diſtinguiſh himſelf, ſhall have his Liberty for ever, and the Owner of ſuch a Slave paid his Value by the Publick. In the mean time we have taken four Sloops into the Publick Service, one of which has been, ſince theſe Advices, at Tabago, and another at Martinico, but ſaw no Ships of War, which makes us believe Monſieur Ducaſſe has ſail'd to the Spaniſh Coaſt; however it was thought expedient this Day to ſend another Sloop to Tabago, to ſee if he is not ſince come thither.

Berne, March 7. *N. S.* The Diet which was appointed to meet on the 11th of this Month, hath been countermanded, and put off to an indefinite time, upon the Refuſal of ſome of the Roman Catholick Cantons to ſend their Deputies to it. The Pretence of their Refuſal is taken from their General Meetings, which happen to be juſt at the ſame time, and will not give them leave to attend any other Affairs; but the true Reaſon is thought to be a Deſign to make this Canton weary of the Charge they are at, in maintaining their Troops in Neufchatel, and by that means either force them to comply with the Project of Neutrality, as it was agreed upon at Baden, and deſiſt from the Alterations they have made in it, or elſe recall their Troops, and ſo leave that Country naked and expos'd to the Invaſions of the French, whenever they ſhall think the Conjuncture favourable. This Reſolution of thoſe Catholick Cantons is ſuppos'd to be taken in concert with the French Ambaſſador; but it's thought the juſt Occaſion the King of Pruſſia and his Allies have, of keeping Troops in that Country during the next Campaign, will ſoon encline the Adherents to the French Intereſt to alter their Meaſures.

Briſtol, March 6. On the 4th Inſtant came in the Eugene Gally, John Hort Commander, in five Weeks from Alicant. Yeſterday put in the Berkly Gally, John Hitching Commander; and this Day the Mary Gally, James Day Commander, both from Jamaica, having been ſix Weeks in their Paſſage. They left that Iſland very healthy, and in no Apprehenſions of an Enemy.

Portſmouth, March 9. Yeſterday her Majeſty's Ship the Alford ſail'd out of the Harbour to Spithead, where alſo continues the Torbay, Litchfield, Royal-Oak, Wolwich, Norwich, Sheerneſs, Maidſton and Bridgwater, with the Eaſt-India and Weſt-India Ships, who will ſail for the River as ſoon as the Wind ſtands fair.

Whereas